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## Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Examiner

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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 September 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 39-54 and 56-59 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 39-54 and 56-59 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 08 December 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 9-10-04.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Drawings***

1. The drawings are objected to because lines, number & letters not uniformly thick and well defined, clean, durable, and black (poor line quality) in figures 64-67. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

### ***Specification***

2. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

In page 1 lines 4 and 5, "remove the quotation marks" at the beginning and end of the title; and

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line 6, delete line 6 entirely about the inventor information from the specification. Appropriate correction is required.

3. The lengthy specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims 39-54 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Eggers (US 5,929,568).

Re claims 39-43, Eggers discloses an LED bulb (i.e., LED circuit) adaptable to an application with a load/resistance to match impedance/resistance requirements of the application, the bulb including at least one LED (22, 24, 52, 54, 88, 90, ...) and a load (i.e., compensation block(s) 20, 64, 57, 86, 89); wherein the bulb is a replacement LED bulb with a load/resistance to match impedance/resistance of an AC/DC bulb (i.e., over wide range of input voltage or current) being replaced (Figs. 3, 4, 6, 8; Col. 1, lines 5-33; Col. 2, lines 8-19; Col. 6, lines 8-28).

Re claims 44-48, Eggers discloses an LED bulb (i.e., LED circuit) adaptable to an application with built in or attachable load/resistance to match impedance/resistance requirements of the application, the bulb including at least one LED (22, 24, 52, 54, 88, 90, ...)

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and a load (i.e., compensation block(s) 20, 64, 57, 86, 89); wherein the bulb is a replacement LED bulb with a load/resistance to match impedance/resistance of an AC/DC bulb (i.e., over wide range of input voltage or current) being replaced (Figs. 3, 4, 6, 8; Col. 1, lines 5-33; Col. 2, lines 8-19; Col. 6, lines 8-28).

Re claims 49-54, Eggers discloses an apparatus comprising an LED bulb intended as a replacement bulb for a second bulb and built in or attachable load/resistance to match, mimic, or approximate the impedance/resistance requirements for which the second bulb is used, the apparatus including at least one LED (22, 24, 52, 54, 88, 90, ...) and a load (i.e., compensation block(s) 20, 64, 57, 86, 89) (Figs. 3, 4, 6, 8; Col. 1, lines 5-33; Col. 2, lines 8-19; Col. 6, lines 8-28).

### ***Double Patenting***

6. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and, *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

7. Claims 56-59 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 5, 9, 12, 14 and 16 of U.S. Patent No. 6,371,636 in view of Eggers (US 5,929,568).

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Re claims 56-59, '636 patent claims an LED bulb is adapted for use in standard automotive bayonet type bulb sockets in a brake light mode and a tail light mode, and the bulb comprises limitations in a manner claimed in claims 56-59.

However, '636 does not disclose built in or attachable load/resistance to match, mimic, or approximate the impedance/resistance requirements.

Eggers discloses an apparatus comprising an LED bulb intended as a replacement bulb for a second bulb and built in or attachable load/resistance to match, mimic, or approximate the impedance/resistance requirements for which the second bulb is used, the apparatus including at least one LED (22, 24, 52, 54, 88, 90, ...) and a load (i.e., compensation block(s) 20, 64, 57, 86, 89) (Figs. 3, 4, 6, 8; Col. 1, lines 5-33; Col. 2, lines 8-19; Col. 6, lines 8-28).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the Led light module of Wesson's by providing a compensation circuit as taught by Eggers' for the purpose of matching the luminance to that of an incandescent bulb over a wide range of input currents or voltages as taught by Eggers'.

### ***Conclusion***

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Patel et al. (US 6,191,541); Levy et al. (US 5,765,940); and Theobald et al. (US 5,567,036); also teach similar inventive subject matter.

### ***Correspondence***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ephrem Alemu whose telephone number is (571) 272-1818. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F Flex hours.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Don K Wong can be reached on (571) 272-1834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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